(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) As on 31-10-94, about 72,987 cases were pending with the Railway Claims Tribunal.

(e) As on 30th September, 1994, about 39,785 cases were pending with the Central Administrative Tribunal.

(f) In order to consider the problem of arrears of cases in Courts and find out ways and means to deal with it as expeditiously as possible, a meeting of the Chief Ministers and Chief Justices was held on 4-12-1993 under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister. The Conference adopted a resolution in which it recommended several steps for speedy disposal of cases in Courts/Tribunals, which have been accepted by the Government and commended to all State Governments/UT Administrations and High Courts/Tribunals for necessary action. Three Working Groups of Law Ministers, thereafter, met to consider further the recommendations contained in the above Resolution with regard to rural litigation, arrears of cases in administrative tribunals and alternative dispute resolution. The implementation of December, 1993 resolution and recommendations made by the Working Groups were reviewed by the Law Ministers at their plenary meeting held in Calcutta in November, 1994. A copy of the Resolution adopted at the meeting was placed on the Table of this House in reply to USQ 405 dated 8-12-94.

Transfer of judges to Madras High Court

2671. SHRI S. MADHVAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government are aware of the views expressed by the Madras Bar Association requesting the Chief Justice of India not to host any more Judges who do not know Tamil language to the Madras High Court;

(b) whether the Madras High Court face difficulties in translating documents and evidence which are now written in Tamil, the State's official language; and

(c) what are the steps taken to resolve this problem ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) to (c) Transfers of Judges from one High Court to another have been made in terms of Article 222(1) of the Constitution on recommendations of the Chief Justice of India, in pursuance of the Government's policy to have one-third Judges in each High Court from outside. The Government of India have received a copy of the Resolution passed by the Madras Bar Association requesting the Chief Justice of India not to post any more Judges who do not know Tamil to the Madras High Court. However, no such request has been received from the Chief Justice of Madras High Court.

Sale of the Holdings of BBTCL

2672. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the sale of the holdings of Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation Limited (BBTCL) by the group controlled by Shri Nusli Wadia; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) No, Sir. According to papers filed with the Registrar of Companies, Bombay, the share-holding of the Wadia Group in this company has increased since the last Annual General Meeting held on 26th July, 1994.

(b) Does not arise.

Indian Companies selling preference and equity shares to foreign Countries

2673. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that complaints have been received, particularly during the last two years, about sale and transfer of preference and equity shares of renowned Indian companies to purchasers in foreign countries at unrealistic lower rates and often in non-trans parent manner;